

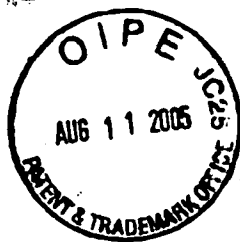
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For: OXIDATION-RESISTANT RARE EARTH METAL-BASED MAGNET  
MAGNET POWDER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,  
COMPOUND FOR RARE EARTH METAL-BASED BONDED MAGNET,  
RARE EARTH METAL-BASED BONDED MAGNET AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME

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